

**A Smoother, Safer Ride**  
**Council President Scott Peters, First District**  
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Torrey Pines Road serves as a lifeline for the First District, connecting the heart of La Jolla to the heart of the region's thriving tech and health care industries. Carrying 25,000 vehicles per day, the stretch of Torrey Pines between La Jolla Parkway and La Jolla Village Drive is one of the City's busiest roads. As anyone who has driven that route can tell you, the daily wear and tear took its toll. For far too long, cars had to swerve or change lanes to avoid potholes and buckled asphalt. Driving at night meant a bumpy, sometimes scary ride. Thanks to the perseverance of many community members and a commitment by the City Council, those days are over.

Torrey Pines Road is among 10 major arteries around San Diego to receive an asphalt overlay, the gold standard of road repaving reserved for the roads most in need of repair. Thicker and longer-lasting than a slurry seal application, an asphalt overlay extends the service life of a road between 15 and 20 years. Work crews completed the overlay and re-striping late last month. The newly paved road provides a smoother, safer ride for the thousands of families and commuters who traverse it each day.

This is just one of many road repaving projects scheduled for La Jolla and other areas of the First District this year. Last year, my Council colleagues and I devoted nearly \$13 million to street repaving for Fiscal Year 2007, which should address more than 100 miles of deferred repairs across the City. That's a four-fold increase in the miles of road the City repaved over the past two years.

Other well-traveled roads in La Jolla scheduled for repaving this year are Prospect Place, Hillside Drive, Princess Street, Gilman Court, Ellentown Road, Avenida de las Pescas, Avenida Bizarro and Via Barranca. These roads will receive an application of rubberized slurry seal, a mixture of sand, emulsion and recycled tires that preserves and extends the life of sound asphalt roads. Recycled tires not only provide a darker, more resilient finish, they also benefit the environment. Since 1998, the City's rubberized slurry seal program diverted over 429,000 tires from the landfill.

The City selects roads for repaving using its Pavement Management System, which stores and analyzes historical conditions and use patterns, along with frequency and type of repair, to determine the best method to preserve and repair roads around the City. This allows the Street Division to prioritize repairs based on need, not necessarily on political pressure.

Although the Pavement Management System predicts the future of street conditions based on historical patterns, our best source of information is you. Your calls provide the most up-to-date conditions and alert the Street Division when cracks and potholes need repair.

To report a road repair need, dial 619-527-7500 or use the online service request system on the City's website, [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov). You can call my office directly as well, at 619-236-6611.